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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to parking of a motor vehicle operated by or for the  
1-9 transportation of a veteran with a disability in certain parking  
1-10 spaces; providing a criminal penalty.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 681.009, Transportation  
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (e) A private property owner or private person who controls  
1-15 property used for parking and who designates one or more uncovered  
1-16 parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles transporting  
1-17 persons with disabilities shall assign at least half of those  
1-18 spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue  
1-19 shield disabled parking placard or license plates issued under  
1-20 Section 504.202, except that if an odd number of spaces is  
1-21 designated, only the number of spaces that is the largest whole  
1-22 number less than half of the number of designated spaces must be  
1-23 assigned for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on  
1-24 blue shield placard or license plates issued under Section 504.202.  
1-25 Van-accessible parking spaces shall be counted as assigned spaces  
1-26 under this subsection. These assigned spaces must be the spaces  
1-27 located closest to an accessible route to an entrance accessible to  
1-28 a person with a disability. The remaining designated parking  
1-29 spaces may be used by vehicles displaying a white on blue shield  
1-30 disabled parking placard, a white on red shield disabled parking  
1-31 placard, ~~or~~ license plates issued under Section 504.201, or  
1-32 license plates issued under Section 504.202. This subsection  
1-33 applies only to a property used for parking that serves a building  
1-34 or other facility:

1-35 (1) that state law requires to be accessible to person  
1-36 with disabilities; and

1-37 (2) for which construction or an alteration of the  
1-38 building or other facility is completed on or after September 1,  
1-39 1999.

1-40 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 681.011, Transportation  
1-41 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-42 (b) A person commits an offense if the person:

1-43 (1) stands a vehicle on which license plates issued  
1-44 under Section 504.201 or 504.202 are not displayed and a disabled  
1-45 parking placard is not displayed in a parking space or area  
1-46 designated specifically for individuals with disabilities by:

1-47 (A) a political subdivision; or

1-48 (B) a person who owns or controls private  
1-49 property used for parking as to which a political subdivision has  
1-50 provided for the application of this section under this Subsection  
1-51 (f); or

1-52 (2) stands a vehicle displaying a white on red shield  
1-53 disabled parking placard or license plates issued under Section  
1-54 504.201 in a space designated under Section 681.009(e) for the  
1-55 exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue shield  
1-56 disabled parking placard or license plates issued under Section  
1-57 504.202.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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